

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A tablet feeder comprising:

5 a tablet accommodating section capable of
accommodating a multiplicity of tablets;

a tablet array member which is disposed in the tablet
accommodating section and which, while being driven and
rotated, retains the tablets one after another in pockets
defined on an outer periphery thereof and discharges them
10 at a discharge position; and

a partitioning member whose partitioning portion
having a shape of brush partitions the pocket so that the
upper tablets do not fall into the lower pocket, thereby
the tablets retained in the pocket of the tablet array
15 member are discharged by a predetermined number, the tablet
feeder being characterized in that;

at least part of brush element among the brush
elements constituting the partitioning portion of the
partitioning member has a tip bent in a U-shape.

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2. The tablet feeder according to claim 1, wherein the
brush elements constituting the partitioning portion are
tilted toward a downstream side of rotational direction of
the tablet array member.

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3. The tablet feeder according to claim 1 or 2, wherein
the brush elements constituting the partitioning portion
have their cross section formed into a generally oval shape,
and its minor axis is directed along the rotational
5 direction of the tablet array member.

4. The tablet feeder according to any one of claims 1-3,
wherein the brush elements constituting the partitioning
portion comprises a plurality of filaments which is got
10 together and has a tip bent in a U-shape.